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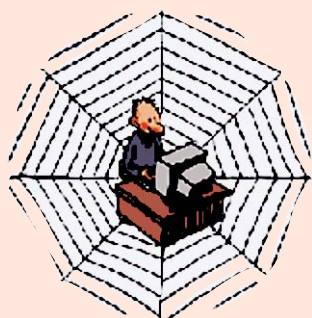
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Keesler resembles lake after storm

11-inch rain in 21 hours floods base

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler resembled a lake last week when nearly 11 inches of rain inundated the base in less than 24 hours.

Tuesday, Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, estimated related damage at more than \$200,000.

To put the downfall into perspective, the average monthly rainfall for March is 6.2 inches and for April 4.68 inches, according to Jerry Farley, climatology monitor and forecaster for the base weather station.

From shortly after noon March 31 through 9:33 a.m. Friday, the base was deluged with 10.61 inches of rain.

It wasn't a gentle downfall either, according to Master Sgt. Keith Johnson, the weather station's combat weather team operations chief.

"We had lightning within 5 miles of Keesler for 18 hours and 17 minutes, starting shortly before 5 p.m. on March 31," Sergeant Johnson said. "Just after 10:30 p.m., we issued a severe thunderstorm warning for winds gusting to 50 miles per hour and possible 1-inch hail.

"About 11 p.m., one of our unit's forecasters reported hail at his Gulfport residence," the sergeant added. "At 4:42 a.m. April 1, Keesler recorded its largest wind gust of 38 knots — about 44 mph."

The command post's initial damage assessment found 46 buildings with roof and carpet



Photo by Gary Chavis

Excavator is submerged by flooding at the runway renovation project site.

damage. Operational impact to the training mission is still being reviewed. Cody Hall and the air traffic control and joint surveillance and target attack radar systems simulators were flooded with 4 inches of water.

About 120 feet of eroded culvert for the runway construction project requires repair. Additionally, a contractor's excavator valued at \$120,000 was submerged by the flooding.

Several sinkholes have appeared around the base and some erosion has been reported. Water also infiltrated a communications systems vault due to a bad seal, but there was no significant impact to the base's communications systems.

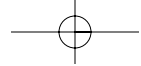
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Mays

From left, Airman John Sorell and Airmen 1st Class Clinton Bennett and Marcus Harper sweep flood waters out of Cody Hall. They're students in the 338th Training Squadron.



COMMENTARY

If your attitude is positive, you can make a difference

By Lt. Col. Dean Cusanek

81st Security Forces Squadron commander

Some time ago, the Rockefeller Foundation did a study of volunteers, among other things, trying to determine what it is that motivates people to give time and energy to working with charitable organizations.

The study concluded the No. 1 motivational factor — mentioned more than all the other factors combined — is the desire to make a difference in the world.

I feel this motivational factor, although not charitable, is the reason why our dedicated men and women have volunteered to serve in our armed forces. We have people from all walks of life committed to a mission whose combined efforts make a difference on a global scale.

However, sometimes it's all too easy to lose sight of the "big picture" in our day-to-day tasks. The heavy burden of deployments, and the increased workloads left for those at the home bases, makes it too easy sometimes to forget our place in the "big picture."

It's very easy to be consumed by the demands and deadlines of our jobs, with no supposed end in sight.

It's also easy to lose sight of how our particular job impacts the mission. This may be especially true for younger troops who may feel their responsibilities are of little importance. It's essential to be ever conscious that

every person in every position can, and does, make a significant difference. These contributions don't have to be intrinsic to the job. The attitudes and professionalism we bring to the job can make worthwhile contributions, and huge differences, in mission accomplishment. Positive attitudes are contagious and lead to success at all levels.

It's especially noteworthy when a young Airman displays a can-do attitude while carrying out the responsibilities of a particularly undesirable job. The Airman's attitude alone can be an inspiration to all who come in contact with him, even without them realizing it.

Inspiring others with a positive attitude, sense of commitment and team spirit are some of the most valuable contributions any of us can make.

Therefore, one's desire to make a difference is a conscious choice, regardless of the size of your paycheck or the scope of your responsibilities.

The strength of any unit, whether a family, military organization or nation, depends on the commitment of its members to make things better. So, don't just settle for the status quo. Make every effort to improve and be the best. Always keep in mind that what may seem to be the most minor or insignificant action can, and will, result in overall success or failure.

You can — you do — make a difference.

Making homeland defense real

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Dutton

81st Training Wing

Lots of people talk about homeland defense — you see it in newspapers and on television virtually every day. But what does homeland defense mean to you?

For me, it means taking care of my own, providing for the safety of my family, my community and my country. It also means being active in my community, becoming part of the solution.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to become involved in your community. There are lots of organizations across the Mississippi Gulf Coast that can use your help.

In the wake of 9/11, national attention was drawn to the great loss of life, especially the loss of highly-skilled emergency services personnel. I hope their sacrifices are never forgotten.

I've been in the Air Force for 21 years. I've been all over the world and placed in harm's way while deployed to areas that most people only hear about in the news.

I've also served as reserve police captain with the City of Ocean Springs and reserve deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, where I've been in harm's way, too.

In both uniforms, I've sworn an oath to support and defend the Constitution, uphold the laws of the state and protect citizens. In either uniform, I'm not alone. Reserve police and volunteer firefighters across the coast seamlessly serve to their communities without pay or benefits. They're an integral part of each of these departments.

Although requirements for joining these organizations vary, a thorough background investigation, interview board, psychological evaluation and physical agility test are required.

Some people don't have the special skills required for law enforcement or firefighting. Just like anything else, you won't know unless you try. Submitting your application to a coast law enforcement or firefighting organization may be the first step in making homeland defense real for you.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Golfers present safety hazard

Comment — Something needs to be done about errant golf balls along Ploesti Drive. Yesterday, one of Keesler's finest launched an apparent tee shot that broke my windshield as I was driving home.

For safety's sake, please consider installing safety fences all along Ploesti Drive, banning bad golfers and relocating holes that parallel Ploesti Drive to direct tee shots away from the road.

Response — Contact golf course personnel so they can help you file a claim to have your windshield repaired.

Safety fences have been installed where practical and we plan to increase the natural barriers in other risk areas.

The golf course is for everyone, including beginners, and to restrict it to accomplished golfers would be unfair to those who are trying to learn the game.

Relocating some of the holes would be cost-prohibitive.

We're still waiting

Comment — Saturday, I had to take my daughter to the emergency room at Keesler Medical Center. We sat in the waiting room for three hours before we saw a physician.

Yesterday, I called to get my daughter a follow-up visit with her physician. I hung up after being on hold for 20 minutes.

Today, I tried again. I was told nothing was available until the next day and to take my daughter to the emergency room.

We've now been sitting in the ER waiting room 3 1/2 hours.

Is this the standard operating procedure for medical care here?

Response — We apologize for any inconveniences your family has experienced.

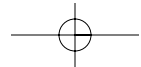
Our ER staff evaluates patients as they arrive. Depending on their complaints, patients are categorized from most severe emergencies to non-urgent. Patients are seen according to the level of urgency first and their arrival time second. This can lead to misunderstandings about why patients are waiting and who's seen earliest.

We've reminded the staff to explain the system to our patients as they wait.

The day you were on hold so long, the phone lines were very busy — 223 calls in a four-hour period.

Not knowing your daughter's condition, it's difficult to determine if an appointment the day after your second call was reasonable and timely.

If you have any questions or concerns about the care you receive, call Karon Forney, director of customer relations, 377-9498.



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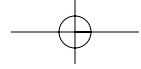
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Deployment training expanded

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler Airmen headed to Iraq and Afghanistan from May through July will be better prepared for their assignments after a new five-day pre-deployment training program, April 18-22.

Lt. Col. William Nadolski, 81st Mission Support Group deputy commander, said the class gives Keesler troops additional deployment skills and tools.

"Based upon the personal experiences of deployment returnees, the Air Force has realized that Airmen are being exposed to battlefield situations that they are not prepared for," Colonel Nadolski explained.

Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, wants all Airmen in the command receive additional training prior to air expeditionary force deployments.

He identified four areas for deploying AETC troops to receive additional classroom training, over and above current pre-deployment requirements: M-16 training, increased combat skills, use of force and life-saving training.

Keesler goes a step further by providing additional hands-on training and practice in all areas.

"All AEF deployers will receive the additional training mandated by AETC," Colonel Nadolski pointed out. "However, because our hands-on training program is just standing up, we may not be able to get all of our AEF 5/6 deployers through the Keesler-specific program.

"We'll hold the training as often as necessary prior to each AEF cycle to spin up all of our troops preparing to deploy," he added.

The first day of training includes an introduction to the area of responsibility, culture, war updates, geography, pre-deployment stress, use of force, chemical gear refresher training and legal aspects, such as the code of conduct and rules of engagement.

On the second day, survival skills are highlighted, emphasizing the combat environment, triage, trauma, communications, male and female accommodations and rules, the Airman's Manual and a panel discussion in which previously deployed members share their stories, photos and advice.

M-16 training is held on the third day at the combat arms training site at Camp Keller, along with hands-on experience with tent construction and combat gear and orientation with global positioning system use.

The fourth day focuses on skills needed to survive and operate in a forward-operating arena. Participants are trained on voice communication, hand and arm signals, defensive fighting positions, individual tactics and techniques.

Public health officials also review medical concerns in the field, and a luncheon is held with chaplains. The overnight session includes site development, including tent setup, sleeping area preparations, safety and security, plus training with night vision devices.

The final day covers combat awareness, explosive ordinance disposal, improvised explosive devices, vehicle operations and deadly force applications.

"We must provide our Airmen with the combat skills necessary to survive and operate in a high-threat forward environment," the colonel stressed. "Right now, this is the best method available to do that."

Global battles call for interservice training

By Senior Airman Christian Michael

1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

QUANTICO MARINE CORPS BASE, Va. — Military officials are viewing interservice training for all ranks as an increasing necessity to win the fight on global battlefields.

Command and staff war colleges held integrated training for decades, ensuring upper-tier officers know how to operate together in joint environments. To prepare forces for the joint-operations world, leadership and technical studies have begun in joint integrated classrooms across the military.

The Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy here has admitted one Air Force student in every class for the past year to gain a greater understanding between services.

"I'm more well-rounded because of this course," said Master Sgt. Carl Elder, Langley Air Force Base, Va., a recent graduate.

Marine Master Sgt. Kevin Finch, chief instructor of the advanced course, taught the majority of the Air Force students.

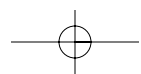
"We're moving into a joint war-fighting environment, so it's good for everybody to work together," Sergeant Finch said. "Seeing the different ways (Airmen do) things as compared to how (Marines) do things brings a fresh perspective."

The course is leadership-oriented, focusing on warfighting skills such as offensive and defensive operations, expeditionary operations, combat arms, land navigation and battle studies.

"We take the students out to local battlefields, teaching them how to conduct battle studies," said Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Warren.

Battlefield training isn't typical for most Airmen, but they adjust quickly to that environment and the course's other curriculum, Sergeant Finch said.

"Academically, (Air Force students) perform very well," he said. "While they're a little behind us when it comes to physical training at the start of the course, they're often physically on par with us by the end. We don't run them ragged, but instead we bring them up slowly and work as a team."



New course for senior enlisted leaders

Teaches warfighting skills to operate in hostile environments

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

SOUTHWEST ASIA — A new training course for senior enlisted leaders is giving them skills that are proving invaluable for those deployed here, officials said.

The Command Senior Enlisted Leader Capstone Joint Operations module course is giving warfighters the tools they need to operate in an environment in which they work closely both with their sister services and with coalition members, said Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Brownhill, command chief master sergeant for U.S. Central Command.

“We realized early into Operation Enduring Freedom that our senior leaders were operating in a different environment than we’d prepared them for,” Chief Brownhill said.

“We spend a lot of time over the course of an officer’s career preparing

(him or her) for joint-service duty,” he said.

But no comparable training existed for their senior enlisted counterparts, he said.

Now, the senior enlisted capstone course, introduced last year, mirrors the capstone course general and flag officers receive. Topics cover the life cycle of a joint task force: forming a joint task force, developing joint manning documents, joint command and control, joint basing and integrating special operations forces.

Most top-level noncommissioned officers in the command have attended the one-week training program, including Army Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, the top enlisted service member in Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

Sergeant Pritchett, who took the first course just before assuming her current post, said she had already felt

up to speed on joint operations, but said the course helped her shortcut the learning curve when she arrived in Afghanistan.

For example, it educated her about the specifics of putting together a joint manning document, which determines staffing within an organization.

“If I hadn’t gone to the course, it would have taken me weeks instead of days to do it,” she said.

Sergeant Pritchett said the course “also prepared me for the bigger picture” she confronted in Afghanistan.

“I knew what my sister services bring to the fight,” she said.

However, she said the capstone course gave her a deeper appreciation of the increased capabilities provided when the services work as a team.

When U.S. Joint Forces Command began offering the course at the Joint Warfighting Center in Norfolk, Va., last spring, officials lauded it as a step

toward providing command senior enlisted Airmen, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen the tools they need in a world where no service goes to war by itself.

“Up until this point, we hadn’t done anything to provide them with any joint education,” said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka of U.S. Joint Forces Command. “Today’s command senior enlisted leaders are more operationally focused leaders. They must understand joint command and control and joint planning to be more effective at the joint-force-headquarters level.

“Our command senior enlisted leaders typically have more boots-on-the-ground, deck-plate and flight-line experience than most of our officers,” he said. “When that experience is coupled with a joint educational experience, the combination results in (greater) command senior enlisted leadership.”

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Quarterly awards

The 81st Training Group quarterly awards ceremony for January-March is 7:15 a.m. today in the Keesler Community Center.

Coffee and donuts are served.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bellocq, 377-0647.

Spouses graduate

March 30, 15 spouses graduated from an office practices course taught on base through Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

The course was funded through a \$5,000 Air Force Aid Society community outreach program grant.

The goal of the program is to increase retention of military members by providing employment education and skills to spouses, so it's easier for them to find jobs as the family moves with the military.

Another session is tentatively planned for July.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. June 3, Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

Student parades are 7 p.m. May 5, July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103. For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: April 21, June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

CCAF graduation

The spring Community College of the Air Force graduation is 4 p.m. April 26 in the Keesler Community Center.

Graduates should arrive by 2:30 p.m. in service dress.

Chief Master Sgt. Ali-quippa Allen, 81st Training Wing command chief, is the speaker. Diplomas are presented by Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st TRW commander.

A reception follows the ceremony.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Testing schedule

Education office deadlines for upcoming testing are:

ACT — May 26 for July 11.

To sign up, visit Room 224, Sablich Center or call 377-2323 or 2171.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on.

First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7056.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian employees assigned to Keesler are eligible for college tuition assistance.

Courses must be Air Force mission or job related and taken through a regionally accredited college or university.

Required paperwork is available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

Troops to Teachers

For general information on Troops to Teachers, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

ACSC options

Air Command and Staff College can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all service components and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call or

e-mail Edward Hodge, 377-7159, eddie.hodge@keesler.af.mil.

Instructor openings

For information on Keesler NCO Academy instructor openings, call Senior Master Sgt. Robin Lee, 377-3405.

USM online

For online courses through the University of Southern Mississippi, go to <http://www.usm.edu> or call 377-2309.

Work study

Part-time employment is available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs people enrolled in college or vocational programs at least 75 percent status.

For more information or applications, call Robin Manson, 377-5149, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

Academic counseling

For appointments for counseling during area college registration, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Enlisted-to-AFIT

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Institute of Technology offers noncommissioned officers a chance to earn an advanced science, engineering or management degree.

These onsite AFIT programs are available at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

For more information, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/> or e-mail robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil.

Test program

Some Air Force members may participate in a test program, allowing a portion of Montgomery GI Bill benefits to be transferred to their dependents.

For more information, call 377-2276.

Online training

The Keesler Web site offers training on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, mobility legal requirements, heat stress, fraternization and the Law of Armed Conflict.

Individuals enrolled in professional military education or Air Command and Staff College who anticipate needing to test while deployed should contact the education office.

For more information, call 377-7059 or visit <http://www.va.gov>.

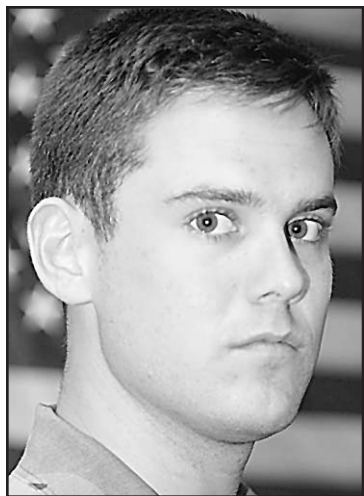
NEWS AND FEATURES

Keesler publications win Air Force media honors

Keesler Public Affairs

Two Keesler publications — Keesler News and Gulf Wing — won seven awards in the 2004 Air Force Media Contest.

Publications directed by two deployed 81st Training Wing



Sergeant Pearce

Public Affairs officers won Air Force awards.

The Keesler News, the base's weekly newspaper, placed first in the tabloid newspaper category.

Contributors include Perry Jenifer, editor; 2nd Lt. Lisa Ferguson, Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz, Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman, staff writers; Susan Griggs, contract writer; and Kemberly Groue, contract photographer.

Sergeant Diaz was third in the sports article category and Mrs. Groue was third in contract/stringer photographer.

The Keesler News has won 25 Air Force awards since Mr. Jenifer became editor in 1985.

The Gulf Wing, which is produced monthly by the 403rd Wing of Air Force Reserve Command, placed first in the magazine category

for the second straight year.

Contributors include Lt. Col. Mike Odom, Tech. Sgts. James Pritchett and Michael Duhe, Staff Sgt. J. Justin Pearce, and Senior Airman Michael Eaton and Jessica Brady.

Sergeant Pearce was first in the sports article category and second in photojournalism. Sergeant Pritchett was second in art/graphics in support of a publication.

The Gwanju Eagle, Gwanju Air Base, Korea, placed second in the deployed publication category. It was launched by 1st Lt. Charity Brandy during her deployment.

The Red Tail Flyer, Balad AB, Iraq, placed third in the same category. Capt. Morshe Araujo, 81st TRW director of public affairs, started the publication during her deployment.

2 suppliers earn 2004 logistics awards

By Airman 1st Class

Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

The 81st Supply Squadron has two winners in the 2004 Air Education and Training Command logistics readiness personnel awards competition.

Maj. Patrick Kennerly, commander, is field grade officer of the year.

Staff Sgt. Nancy Kindle, noncommissioned officer in charge of the squadron's individual equipment element, is NCO of the year and won the same honor at Air Force level.

Major Kennerly supported Keesler's flying mission by ensuring an 88 percent stockage for 22 assigned C-130 aircraft.

The major hosted an AETC stock fund workshop and created a training and job rotation schedule for logistics officers.

Major Kennerly deployed as commander of the 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.



Major Kennerly

Sergeant Kindle helped raise the unit's inventory accuracy rate from 85 to 97 percent in six months, the highest rate in more than 10 years, and revamped Keesler's clothing support process for deploying members.

Deployed to Iraq for six months, Sergeant Kindle supported the Army's 439th Aerospace Expeditionary Force as a member of the first Air Force unit to fall under Army



Sergeant Kindle

control since World War II.

She supported front-line soldiers during resupply and refueling convoys, becoming one of only three Air Force supply women to earn the Army's combat patch.

She mastered the Army's supply system without formal training and developed a plan to requisition supply requirements for the refueling-on-the-move site at Tallil AB, Iraq.

IN THE NEWS

Keesler remembers Holocaust

Holocaust survivor Henry Greenbaum and Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood speak at the annual Holocaust Memorial, 11 a.m. April 20 at the Keesler Club.

Other speakers include Bob Ferguson, a World War II "liberator," and Gretchen Skidmore of the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

A potluck supper honoring Mr. Greenbaum and Ms. Skidmore is 7:30 p.m. April 19 at the former chapel adjacent to Sablich Center.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Kalman Dubov, 377-4030.

Dominguez takes charge

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, is the new acting secretary of the Air Force following the March 25 resignation of Peter Teets.

9 Airmen killed in crash

Air Force Print News

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England — Nine Airmen were killed in an MC-130H Combat Talon II aircraft crash in Albania on March 31 while supporting a joint training mission with the Albanian military.

They are Capt. Todd Bracy, 34, of Murphysboro, Ill., James Cronin, 32, of Oak Grove Village, Ill., Gil Williamson, 31, of Dike, Texas, and Surender Kothakota, 30, of Fayetteville, N.C.; 1st Lt. Ray Owens Jr., 32, of Birmingham, Ala.; Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Gray, 40, of Chester, S.C.; Tech. Sgts. James Henry, 30, of Valparaiso, Fla., and Glenn Lastes, 39, of Southington, Conn.; and Staff Sgt. Patrick Pentico, 22, of Hanksville, Utah.

Promotion snafu

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — No Keesler master sergeants were affected by a recent snafu in which nine were selected for promotion in the incorrect Air Force Specialty Code.

The problem began when 46 Airmen attending the First Sergeant Academy reached the Sept. 30 promotion eligibility cut-off date. Air Force Instruction 36-2101 stated they should be considered members of the first sergeant career field once they left their former duty station to attend training. However, AFI 36-2113 stated they aren't first sergeants until they graduate.

Three had their AFSC correctly changed and competed as first sergeants. The 43 who mistakenly competed under their old AFSC will be considered for promotion during May's supplemental board, with results released in June. Members in other AFSCs who would have been in line for promotions will have their status corrected and will be promoted.

Retiree Appreciation Day May 13

Keesler's annual Retiree Appreciation Day is May 13.

The event includes breakfast with trainees, health and information booths, speakers, front-of-the-line service at various base offices, a barbecue, free boat rides and sales at the base exchange and commissary.

For more information, call the retiree activities office, 377-3871.

Enrollment changes coming to medical center

81st Medical Group

Keesler Medical Center implements two enrollment processes over the next several weeks aimed at providing patients “the right care at the right time in the right place.”

The first involves migrating approximately 370 patients ages up to 17 years currently enrolled in family practice to pediatrics.

Day care and school-aged beneficiaries often require same-day medical appointments because area schools prefer illnesses be addressed before being spread to other students.

According to Capt. Joseph Hale, family practice

business manager, “Pediatrics reserves approximately 75 percent of each day’s appointments for same-day requirements. Family practice reserves fewer than 40 percent of its appointments for family members’ same-day requirements due to active-duty patient needs. Moving the 370 beneficiaries to pediatrics improves these patients’ access to same-day care.”

The second process enrolls future beneficiaries up to 17 years of age directly in pediatrics. Patients ages 13-17 are enrolled to the adolescent specialty clinic on the fifth floor of the medical center. This optimizes the ability of patients enrolled in the med-

ical center to receive the right care at the right time in the right place, Captain Hale observed.

The medical center staff understands circumstances may exist when parents want their children up to 17 years old enrolled to family practice, the captain added.

Active-duty sponsors or their spouses may request their children continue to be seen in family practice.

Requests to “opt out” of the migration can be accomplished either in person at the family practice reception desk or by sending an e-mail to Captain Hale at joseph.hale@keesler.af.mil through April 30.

Medal Doctor cited for support after crash of Columbia 2 years ago

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Col. (Dr.) Robert Zalme, an oral and maxillofacial pathologist at Keesler, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal in a March 28 ceremony.

Colonel Zalme is in the 81st Dental Squadron and assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron pathology and clinical laboratory. He’s also director of autopsy services.

The colonel earned the medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement as a forensic dentist in the 81st DS from Feb. 1-11, 2003.

According to the citation, “during this period, Colonel Zalme’s ostensible professional expertise, in-depth knowledge, steadfast guidance and support were pivotal factors in ensuring the successful investigation, recovery and identification efforts after the crash of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

“He expertly collaborated and interfaced with local, state, federal, governmental and international parties to judiciously and litigiously recover, identify and return



Colonel Zalme

the remains of the seven Columbia Shuttle astronauts to their loved ones. His professionalism, teamwork, dedication and commitment to this high profile, sensitive operation, were instrumental to mission success.”

The narrative accompanying the decoration noted a team assembled by the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner used “a sophisticated computer software program plotted the Global Positioning System and coordinated over a 35-mile radius, pinpointing recovery locales.”

According to the narrative, “Within three days of the crash, five of the seven astronauts had been conclusively identified using a variety of identification modalities: DNA, dental, fingerprint and footprint. By the 10th post-crash day, all seven astronauts had been identified.”

The narrative pointed out that Colonel Zalme’s “professionalism and teamwork proved paramount to the great success of the investigation and recover of the heroic astronauts of the Space Shuttle Columbia.”

Lifesaver Student rescues choking civilian

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

A casual Sunday brunch at a Biloxi casino turned into a lifesaving mission for a Keesler student from the 333rd Training Squadron.

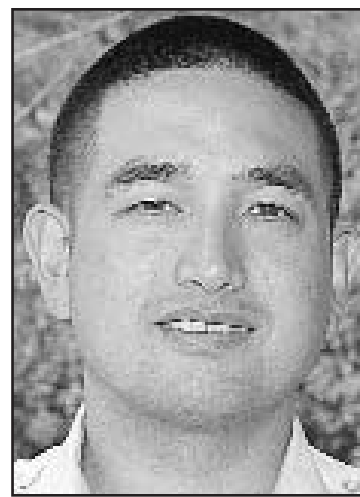
March 20, 2nd Lt. Michael Morabe was enjoying his meal when he noticed an elderly man grasping his throat and turning blue.

“I responded automatically to his universal choking sign and his struggle to breathe,” recalled the lieutenant, a federal probation officer in San Diego who serves with the California Air National Guard’s 147th Combat Communications Squadron.

When other patrons stared at the man and remained in their seats, Lieutenant Morabe took charge of the situation and instructed a person at a nearby table to call 911.

He performed the Heimlich maneuver on the victim twice, successfully dislodging the food. He stayed with the man until his wife returned from the buffet line.

“I don’t know anything



Lieutenant Morabe

about the victim — only that he was elderly, that he’d been married for 54 years and that he almost passed away from lung cancer two years ago,” Lieutenant Morabe commented. “He was a bit shaken and could only express his thanks.”

The lieutenant came to Keesler March 13 for expeditionary communications officer training and expects to graduate next week.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from San Diego State University and a master’s degree in public administration from National University.

He credited more than 15 years of self-aid and buddy care during five years of active duty and 10 years in the National Guard for enabling his quick response.

“It made knowing what to do academic,” he said. “I’m just glad that I was able to help. The gentleman’s wife expressing her thanks and love for her husband was indescribable and very special.”

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vehicles damaged by the storm, but there were no accidents on base, said Lt. Col. Dean Cusanek, 81st Security Forces Squadron commander.

“Flooding caused many motorists to reroute their travels,” Colonel Cusanek commented. “Several cars became stranded while trying to drive through flooded intersections, even though there were cones up to prevent it from happening.”

Lt. Col. Lawrence Averbeck, the 81st Training Wing’s safety chief, said it’s better to avoid standing water on the roads than to try to forge ahead.

“If the water is deep enough to reach your vehicle’s tailpipe, you’ll most likely stall out and be unable to restart the car until the water recedes,” he said.

“Several people tried to drive through the water very fast, thinking this would keep their engine running — they were exactly wrong. They caused more water to splash up into the engine compartment and their vehicles stalled out.

“In some cases, the water was shallow enough that slow-moving vehicles were able to drive through it, but fast-moving vehicles couldn’t,” the colonel added.

CORRECTION

The phone number for information on obesity support group meetings was listed incorrectly in the March 31 issue of the Keesler News.

The numbers to call are 377-6601 or 6516.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

AETC Airmen eligible for medal

AETC News Service

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Airmen assigned to Air Education and Training Command on or after Sept. 11, 2001, have been awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Initial award of the medal was limited to airport security operations from Sept. 27, 2001, to May 31, 2003, and soldiers who supported Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, according to AETC personnel officials.

Now Airmen assigned to AETC on active duty are authorized the medal. Reserve and Guard Airmen and soldiers activated on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and who served for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in AETC are also awarded the medal.

An end date has yet to be determined.

For more information about eligibility, contact the local military personnel flight.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Test dates for staff sergeant are May 1-31.

Keesler Contact Center

The Keesler Contact Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days in the customer service office, Room 125, Sablich Center.

Computers and phones telephones provide a direct link to the Air Force Contact Center at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for inquiries about identification cards, TRICARE, family care, leave, career enhancement, employment, training, relocations, special programs, retirement and separation.

The AFCC Web site is <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The AFCC can also be contacted 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays by calling DSN 665-5000, 1-210-565-5000 or 1-866-229-7074, e-mailing contact.center@randolph.af.mil, fax DSN 665-1239 or 1-210-565-1239, or mail to HQ AFPC/DPSFC, 550 C St. West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

E-mailing deployed troops

Stars and Stripes features "Messages of Support" to deployed service members from family and friends free of charge.

Send e-mails of no more than 60 words to messages@estripes.com.

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One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Mailing care packages

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency process mail for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. A letter takes seven to 14 days and a package 14-24 days.

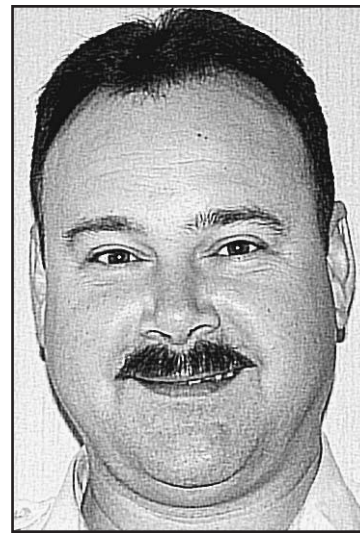
For more information, call 1-800-275-8777 or visit <http://www.usps.com>.



Airman Swann



Ms. Coggin



Sergeant LaChance



Airman Staub

Medics rack up 21 AETC awards

2 flights, 19 Airmen compete at Air Force level

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Members of the 81st Medical Group garnered 21 Air Education and Training Command medical service awards for 2004.

The 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron won the AETC Team Aerospace Award.

Among the accomplishments of the 81st AMDS was involvement in co-planning "a benchmark nine-state Homeland Defense exercise, the largest to date." It involved more than 7,000 people and 25 hospitals.

The pharmacy flight was the command's nominee for the Air Force Pharmacy of the Year Team Award.

The flight, part of the 81st Medical Support Squadron, was recognized for graduating 84 Phase II pharmacy technicians and 11 pharmacy externs, and finalizing plans and funding approval for a total new, innovative pharmacy redesign, the first in 38 years.

Senior Airman Ashlee Swann, contingency response team coordinator with the 81st AMDS readiness flight, is aerospace medicine expeditionary operations/readiness airman of the year.

She managed the 81st MDG's contingency response team program encompassing 22 CRT chiefs and more than 700 medics.

Charlotte Coggin, readiness flight deployment element chief, is aerospace medicine expeditionary operations/readiness civilian of the year.

She managed the flight's self-inspection program and readied the flight for two major inspections.

Master Sgt. John LaChance, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 81st AMDS' public health flight, is the public health senior NCO of the year.

He revitalized seven public health elements and initiated an off-duty inspection program for 74 base food facilities.

Senior Airman Rachel Staub, a computed tomogra-

phy journeyman in the 81st Medical Support Squadron's radiology flight, is the diagnostic imaging technologist of the year.

She completed 2,253 scans "for a production rate 18 percent higher than peers" and "managed arduous computed tomography after-hour calls, providing more than 550 additional duty hours and guaranteeing daily coverage 24/7."

Senior Airman Elsi Yarupaitan, contingency response team coordinator in the 81st AMDS, is the outstanding global health airman of the year.

She simultaneously managed CRT and humanitarian assistance programs, organizing three sets of humanitarian

assistance taskings with 12th Air Force and Wilford Hall Medical Center and "partnered six medical providers with WHMC medics for Peru and Honduras missions during which more than 200 procedures were conducted."

Capt. Justin Theiss, a staff physical therapist in the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, is the company grade officer physical therapist of the year.

He provided administrative oversight for the physical medicine flight's \$21,000 annual budget and \$100,000 in equipment and medical supplies, and was solely responsible for triage of all physical therapy referrals.

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Airman Yarupaitan



Captain Theiss



Major Walton



Captain Everleth



Airman Miller

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Maj. (Dr.) John Walton, a prosthodontist on the 81st Dental Squadron, is the junior dental officer of the year.

He was often assigned the toughest cases and routinely requested by name for his excellent care and was the specialty consultant for Keesler, Biloxi Veterans Affairs, AETC, Air Force and tri-service clinics.

Capt. Tonya Everleth, oncology pharmacy/pharmacy support in the 81st MDSS' pharmacy flight, is the Fred Coleman Award winner in the company grade officer category.

She directed the second busiest inpatient pharmacy element in the Air Force, used an \$8.2 million budget to deliver 610,000 intravenous admixtures and oral medications for 18,000 bed days, and led 17 technicians and two pharmacists through a 16 percent workload increase "with no additional manning."

Airman 1st Class Richard Miller, a cardiopulmonary journeyman in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, is the cardiopulmonary laboratory airman of the year.

He performed 11 in-house transports and ensured the care of patients.

Capt. Angela Spangler, a staff clinical psychologist in the 81st MDOS, is the company grade psychologist of the year.



Captain Spangler

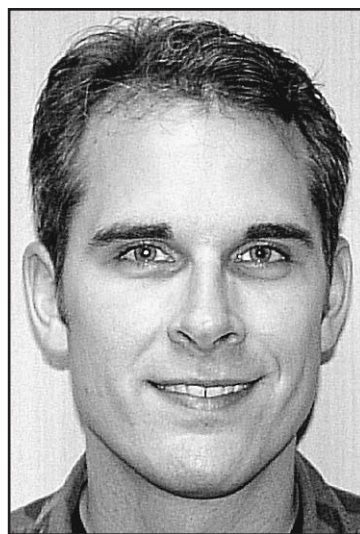
She managed one of the most critical, high-risk case loads, responsible for more than 1,100 patient visits, and was involved in 113 acute emergency room visits.

Capt. Annette Bryant, family advocacy officer in the 81st MDOS, is the company grade officer social worker of the year.

She and her 11-person staff provide services to 20,000 active-duty personnel and family members, and she oversees 10 outreach programs, new parent support, special needs identification and overseas clearances.

Capt. (Dr.) Benjamin Romick, an 81st MDOS staff internist, is AETC's company grade officer clinical excellence award winner.

He was chosen as chief of residents of the Air Force's second largest medicine residency, teaching 26 residents in inpatient and outpatient care.



Captain Romick

Senior Airman Lizeth Abreu, formerly a medical materiel apprentice in the 81st MDSS, is the outstanding medical logistics airman of the year.

She was the "motivating force who achieved maximum success, promoting harmony and team work." She was handpicked by the 81st Training Wing commander for a one-year wing protocol position.

Master Sgt. Michael Jones, NCOIC of 81st MDOS pulmonary services, is AETC's cardiopulmonary laboratory senior NCO of the year.

He supervised administration and technical operations of four civilian contract employees and 25 technicians, increasing productivity more than 40 percent, and managed an annual equipment and supply budget of \$2.2 million.

Capt. Brian Mix, a clinical dietitian with the 81st MDSS, is the company grade dietitian of the year.



Airman Abreu

He was chosen by the associate chief biomedical science corps for nutrition and dietetics to spearhead a Web-based nutrition education campaign to prevent weight gain among active-duty members, resulting in "first-rate intervention accessible on a global Department of Defense scale."

Capt. Timothy Ritter, 81st MDSS health physicist, is the health physicist of the year.

He led diagnostic and medical physics support for 17 DOD facilities in a nine-state region. By training seven medical equipment repair center technicians to survey critical radiology parameters, he helped save \$10,000 in contract costs.

Capt. Wendy Wilkins, 81st MSGS' operating room services element logistics officer, is the company grade nurse officer of the year.

She oversees a \$5.5 million annual supply budget in the Air Force's second busiest



Sergeant Jones

surgical suite, with more than 5,000 cases completed.

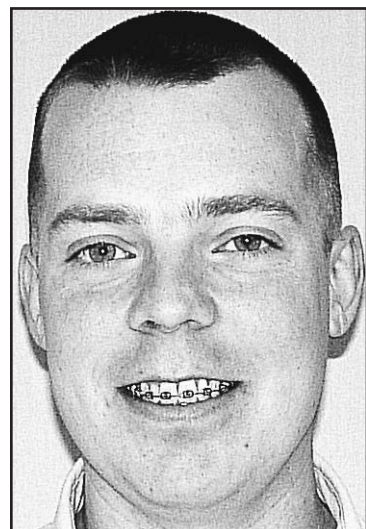
Senior Airman Miracle Chambers, a physical medicine journeyman in the 81st MSGS, is AETC's physical medicine apprentice of the year.

She voluntarily deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, fulfilling 90 days of escort duties and deferring academic goals. She supported force protection for 5,000 coalition troops and \$220 million in critical assets.

Airman 1st Class Nathan Stafford, 81st MDSS' is AETC's diet therapy apprentice, Airman of the year.

He was handpicked by his flight commander for escort duty at Kirkuk AB, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

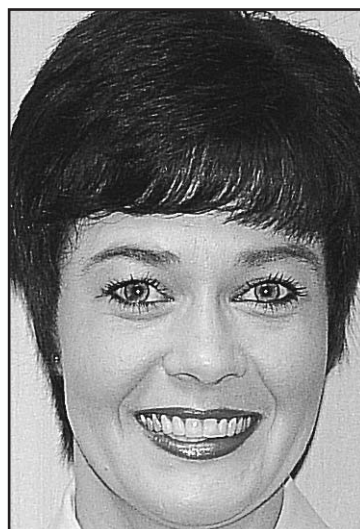
He oversaw and coordinated tasks for more than 500 Iraqis daily, safeguarded American assets and protected American forces.



Captain Mix



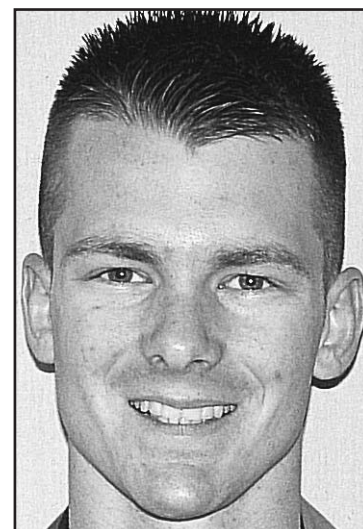
Captain Ritter



Captain Wilkins



Airman Chambers



Airman Stafford

Housing privatization picks up momentum

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force recently surpassed the 10,000-home milestone in its military family housing privatization program.

In February, Air Force officials closed a deal privatizing more than 1,300 homes at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. This means the Air Force now has more than 10,900 privatized homes.

Lackland leads way

The privatization deal at Hickam is the 13th the Air Force has entered into. Air Force officials closed their first military family housing privatization deal at Lackland AFB, Texas, in August 1998. About 420 homes at the base were privatized. Today, those homes have a 96.6 percent occupancy rate.

Following Lackland, deals closed at Robins AFB, Ga.; Dyess AFB, Texas; and Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Today, construction at all four of the bases is complete, creating more than 2,300 new or renovated homes for Air Force families. Families living in those homes appear to like where they live, said Col. Bob Griffin, Air Force housing division chief.

"We survey our customers on a quarterly basis," he said. "For Lackland, Robins, Dyess and Elmendorf, we see very good customer satisfaction — not in just the housing, but in the responsiveness of the developer."

Reducing housing inventory

Over the next four years, through use of local community housing, privatization and traditional military construction, service officials plan to reduce the Air Force's worldwide housing inventory of more than 107,000 to about 86,000, with about 60,000 in the United States. Officials expect nearly three-quarters of state-side homes to be privatized.

Before the Air Force privatizes housing, it calculates needs based on mission requirements and manning projections.

"By the end of 2009, we expect to privatize 72 percent, or about 45,500 of our U.S.-based housing inventory," the colonel said.

Privatization means the Air Force allows private developers to take ownership of military family housing on installations. The Air Force still owns the land, but the developers own, maintain and upgrade the homes. Developer costs are paid by rent from housing occupants.

Today, about 59,000 homes world-



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Most of the 223 homes in Oak Park are vacant now, awaiting demolition before construction of about 100 new housing units begins after privatization takes effect at Keesler.

Keesler housing 'goes private' by end of 2006

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler plans to turn over all of its military housing to a private developer in December 2006 as part of the Air Force's program to give military families safe, quality, affordable housing in a community where they'd choose to live.

"Once the developer takes over, he has 10 years to bring all the housing up to Air Force standards for size and amenities," said Brian Drake, deputy base civil engineer. "The developer is responsible for operating and maintaining the homes for 50 years."

Turning over base housing to private developers is intended to speed the process of renovating and constructing military family housing.

Across the Air Force, it would take \$7 billion and 26 years to bring military family housing up to standards using military construction funds. Since standard MILCON would take too long, Congress authorized the Air Force to enter into financial arrangements with private developers.

Additionally, the Air Force is working to comply with a long-standing Department of Defense policy to rely on off-base community housing first. He noted that before the Air Force privatizes any housing, it first calculates needs based on mission requirements and manning projections.

wide are deemed "inadequate" by Air Force standards. An "inadequate" home fails to meet Air Force size, condition and functionality criteria. Air Force officials plan to bring those homes up to standard through the privatization process.

"Privatization will allow us to leverage dollars we have in the program in order to provide more quality housing

faster," Colonel Griffin said. "If we were trying to fix our inventory through traditional military construction and maintenance, we would need about \$5.6 billion to achieve our goals."

Developers who enter into a privatization deal agree to bring homes up to Air Force standards through new construction or renovations within a very

The minimum number of homes that will be brought up to Air Force standards, operated and maintained for 50 years by the developer at Keesler is 1,067, based on the housing requirements and market analysis.

The HRMA is used to determine the number of military family houses that will remain on base and is driving a reduction in the numbers of on-base housing at Keesler, which currently exceeds 1,800 housing units.

HRMA provides for 10 percent of assigned military families, adjusted upward as required for key and essential personnel, plus the private sector shortfall, which accounts for any deficit of available and affordable housing in communities near the base.

Mr. Drake pointed out that the number of homes and the timetable for demolition and construction are dependent on the proposal from the winning developer.

"I believe the developer will be motivated to accomplish construction as soon as possible, within the limitations of financing and work force availability," Mr. Drake pointed out. "It will likely cost the developer less money to maintain new homes than our currently 40- to 50-year-old homes."

Keesler's homes are grouped with Maxwell AFB, Ala., Columbus AFB, Miss., Vance AFB, Okla., and Randolph, Laughlin and Goodfellow AFBs, Texas, in the competitive bidding process. The successful bidder, expected to be announced by the end of 2006, takes responsibility for 3,898 homes at the seven bases.

short development period. While each deal is unique, across the program the developers have provided \$9 for every Air Force dollar spent providing Airmen with newer, better homes, Colonel Griffin said.

"When we talk to the privatization

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developer, we tell (him or her) what we would tear down, what we would renovate and also how many new houses we need to build," he said. "We price out what it would cost to do that if the government was going to build it."

Housing enhancements

When developers submit proposals on the project, they let Air Force officials know what upgrades will cost. Often the contractor offers more amenities than what the Air Force is asking for, but at a lower price.

"The developers who get these deals are meeting our requirements, within financing parameters, and exceeding them by bringing in desired features and enhancements," he said.

Some of those enhancements include new homes versus renovations, lawn care at no charge to the resident, community centers, swimming pools, basketball courts, walking trails and parks.

Creating communities

"These are additional features like you would see off base, but aren't always provided to people on a military base," Colonel Griffin said. "When a privatization developer comes in, (he or she brings) the whole thing. (Developers) provide the house we ask for, or more, and also add in more things because they are trying to build a community and get people to move in."

Airmen who choose to live on base in privatized homes collect basic allowance for housing like those who choose to live off base and pay the allowance to the developer as rent. The rent for privatized homes is set so that, along with average utility costs, the Airman's allowance covers it.

"The only way a member might have to pay out of pocket is where utility bills are concerned," the colonel said. "We'll have forecasted the average cost of utilities for a particular home and built it

into the rent payment. If a member goes into a house and is spending a lot more or consuming a lot more energy than what we forecast, then there's a possibility (he or she) would have to pay more."

One motive behind privatizing military family housing is the Air Force doesn't have to pay to maintain the homes or keep them up to standard — the developer does. Since developers enter into 50-year privatization deals with their own money, the best way for them to recoup their investment is to ensure the homes remain attractive to military families, Colonel Griffin said.

Marketing properties

"We don't guarantee the property manager a tenant," he noted. "It's up to them to (market) their houses alongside any other commercially-available house out there to Airmen and their families."

If a developer isn't attracting tenants into housing for other reasons, such as a change in mission at a particular base, Air Force officials allow them to broaden the pool of potential tenants.

"The target population for privatized housing is active-duty military members, but that's not the only group allowed to live in those homes," he said. "The Air Force allows developers to rent to other groups through a process called a 'waterfall.' When there is a shortage of active-duty Airmen to rent the homes, developers may fill empty housing units with reservists, Air National Guardsmen, government civilians or military retirees."

Failing that, developers may even rent the homes to civilians, though Colonel Griffin said they would need to pass a security screening.

Promotion list includes 10 Keesler lieutenants

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Ten Keesler officers are among the 848 first lieutenants selected for promotion during the CY04D quarterly captain selection process.

They are:

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Jeffrey Barganier and Dana Moses.

81st Security Forces Squadron — David Mays.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Rebecca Abt and Nathan Ferguson.

81st Training Wing — Scott Jansen and Winston Jones.

81st Transportation Squadron — James Lovell Jr. and Larnell Thompson.

334th Training Squadron — Curtis Rucker.

A total of 856 people were considered for promotion.

In-the-zone selections:

733 line officers from 737 considered for a 99.5 percent selection rate.

Ten chaplains from 10 considered for a 100 percent selection rate.

34 judge advocate generals from 34 considered for a 100 percent selection rate.

38 nurse corps officers from 39 considered for a 97.4 percent selection rate.

18 medical service corps officers from 18 considered for a 100 percent selection rate.

12 biomedical science corps officers from 12 considered for a 100 percent selection rate.

Above-the-zone selections:

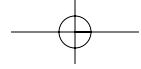
Two line officers from four considered for a 50 percent selection rate.

One chaplain was selected from one considered for a 100 percent selection rate.

No nurse corps officers were selected from one considered.

The entire list is available at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/>.

Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Dust off resumes – job fair is Tuesday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

More than 100 employers will be on hand 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the 12th annual Spring Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi.

Companies from around the United States, as well as the immediate area, are offering employment opportunities in education, electronics, aviation, computers, administration, transportation and other fields.

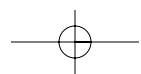
The event is open to all job-seekers, but Ron Bublik, transition assistance program manager for the family support center, encouraged military members to attend, even if they're two or more years away from retirement or separation.

"Coming to a job fair gives you experience in dealing with civilian employers and an opportunity to pick up information on different career fields," Mr. Bublik pointed out. "It's a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers."

He advised those attending the fair to arrive early, bring plenty of up-to-date resumes and dress like they would for an interview. Uniforms are appropriate attire.

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security's Web site, <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>, has a list of participating companies and other information on the job, plus the ability to e-mail your resume directly to employers.

For more information, call Mr. Bublik or Steve McDaniel, 377-8592 or 8591.



New defense travel system premieres June 3

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz
Keesler Public Affairs

The defense travel system, a Web-based electronic system for Defense Department official business travel, is available at Keesler June 3.

There will be a live verification process taking place from the end of May through June 3.

“Once the system has been verified, we’ll begin live processing,” said Tech. Sgt. Alan Campbell, 81st Comptroller Squadron.

A DTS meeting was held Tuesday to determine the business rules of how an organization will operate within DTS, said Maj. Richard Fogg, 81st CPTS commander.

“After the mass meeting, we’ll hold individual meetings with each organization to finalize system setup and business practices,” he added.

Each unit has designated at least

Users can fill out authorizations in 20 minutes;
process return vouchers in 15.

one representative to be the focal point for questions.

“This person will be responsible for a variety of tasks as well as coordination between the unit and the DTS help desk,” Sergeant Campbell said. “Their main task will be in assisting individual squadron members receive the training they’ll need to use the system, along with the DTS help desk and finance.”

DTS allows people to manage official travel through their work station computers.

“The major changes for the traveler will be that they can have more input into personalizing their travel arrangements such as flight time and seat

reservations, rental car and hotels,” Sergeant Campbell explained.

“Trips to finance and the (commercial travel office) will not be required — everything’s electronic,” he added.

DTS automates the three DOD travel processes: authorization, reservation and voucher filing, according to the DTS Web site, <http://www.defense-travel.osd.mil>.

The Web site states by using DTS, travelers are able to generate travel authorizations, make trip reservations and route travel requests for approval, all from their desktop work station.

Sergeant Campbell explained some of the changes to voucher filing.

“The major change is that once the

traveler electronically submits the travel voucher, it’s approved within the member’s organizational chain of command; once approved, the voucher will be electronically paid to both Bank of America and the member within 72 hours,” he said.

According to Sergeant Campbell, a new user should be able to do an authorization (travel order) in 10-20 minutes. Upon returning from their temporary duty, they’ll be able to process the voucher in 10-15 minutes.

To use the system a member must use his common access card and personal identification number.

The 81st Communications Squadron and the military personnel flight will assist in this undertaking, according to Sergeant Campbell.

For more information, call Sergeant Campbell, 377-7000, or e-mail the DTS help desk at dtshelpdesk@keesler.af.mil.

Taxing job



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Linda Richmond, left, wife of Master Sgt. Frank Richmond III, 403rd Wing, talks with Ruthie Bell, tax office manager, about her income taxes March 31. As of March 31, the tax office has served 2,525 customers and has refunded \$4,066,251. The tax office has saved customers \$407,607.08 in tax preparation fees so far this year. The tax return filing deadlines are April 15 and Aug. 15. The tax office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday in Room 205, Sablich Center. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. The tax office closes for the season May 31. For more information, call 377-4454.

Month of Military Child observed in April

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler opened its Month of the Military Child observance Wednesday with "breakfast buddies" at the child development center, in which parents were invited to have breakfast with their children.

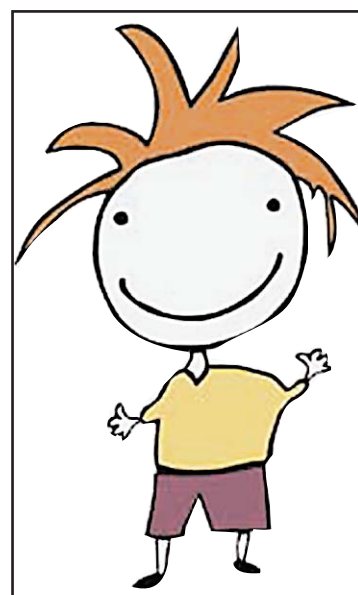
Other events:

Monday — 6 p.m., youth activities center's youth of the year celebration, Keesler Community Center.

April 14 — Teddy Bear Day, child development center; 10 a.m. parade for children and parents.

April 16 — 10 a.m., youth activities center ball fields, pitch-hit-run contest, ages 7-14. Children compete to qualify sectional competition for a chance to compete at the 2005 Major League All-Star Game.

April 18 — family child



care distributes blue ribbons and educational materials to child care providers and parents as part of a child abuse prevention campaign co-sponsored by family advocacy outreach program.

April 21 — 9 a.m. to noon, child development center, annual family fun day; parents and guests enjoy games, arts activities and lunch with children

April 25-May 1 — TV Turn-Off Week; family child care, child development center and youth activities center are encouraging parents and children to turn off the television and get involved in reading, outdoor activities or other family recreation.

April 26-28 — teddy bear portraits, child development center. Professional photographer takes children's photos for purchase by parents.

For more information on specific events, call family child care, 377-3189; youth activities center, 377-4116; or child development center, 377-2211.

Posting a message

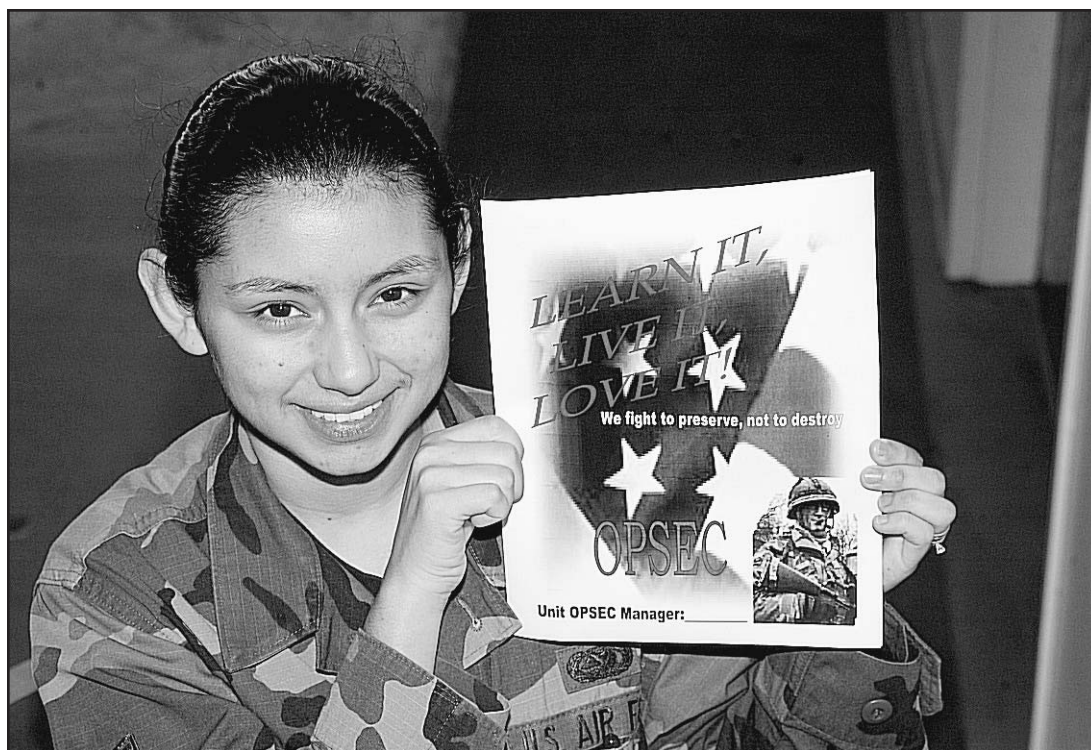


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Vanessa Trevino, 81st Transportation Squadron, holds the first place poster she designed for the operations security poster contest. The contest, held from November to February, increased awareness of OPSEC issues among Keesler military personnel, civilian employees and family members. Kiah Hedgeman, 15-year-old daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Stuart and Letitia Hedgeman, 81st Training Wing, placed second and Staff Sgt. Louis Lanton, 334th Training Squadron, placed third. The three winners received certificates of appreciation and \$50 savings bonds from Keesler Federal Credit Union. A certificate of appreciation and honorable mention was given to Staff Sgt. Michael Munyon, 81st Security Forces Squadron. The contest was sponsored by the 81st TRW plans office. The first-place poster will be reproduced and distributed to base organizations.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Attendance at Friday's Texas Hold 'Em event exceeded 120 people. Participants played late into the night, until only eight remained.

Texas Hold 'Em is 'great time'

Next round: 7 p.m. April 15, community center

**By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman**

Keesler News staff

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament began Friday at Keesler's Community Center and continues every working Friday until May 19.

"The Texas Hold 'Em tournament opener last Friday was a great time," said Col. Douglas Hayner, 81st Training Wing vice commander.

"The action was fast paced ... and the club, club advisory council and the 332nd Training Squadron did a super job organizing the event," he said.

"We all had fun. The action didn't end until nearly 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

"This is just the kind of fun we want to bring to our clubs, and I'm excited about where we're headed in our Keesler clubs," the colonel added.

The next round of Texas Hold 'Em is 7 p.m. April 15. The top eight winners secure a spot for the championship round.

The top player from Friday's event was William Bender, husband of Staff Sgt. Leigh Ann Bender, 334th TRS.

Master Sgt. Shawn Sanford, 2nd Air Force, placed second, and Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Hibbs Jr., Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit, was third.

Other players who earned a spot in the championship round are Staff Sgt. Wrenroy Lamey, 81st Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. Joseph Bock Jr., 338th TRS; Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Gillis, CNATTU; Airman Brett Anderson, 81st Medical Support Squadron; and Petty Officer 2nd Class Miguel Mulholland, CNATTU.

Texas Hold 'Em nights are also April 29 and May 13.

The grand prize for the tournament is presented May 19 at the grand finale — a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip, a \$100 gas card, and bragging rights as Keesler's top Texas Hold 'Em player.

Practice begins at 6 p.m. and regulation play starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$4 for club members and \$7 for nonmembers.

To register early, call 377-8313, or e-mail keeslerpoker@mail.com



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

A player organizes his chips after winning a hand at Friday's event.



Mr. Bender



Sergeant Sanford

Recycling competition

— one week remains

Earth-Arbor Day squadron recycling competition continues through April 15.

Each load of recyclables turned into the recycling center is weighed and recorded, and a trophy is awarded to the squadron bringing the most total weight of items.

Only cardboard, white paper, clear plastic, newspaper and aluminum cans are counted for the competition.

For more information, call Joe Powell, 377-4546.

Other Earth-Arbor Day events April 21:

5-kilometer fun run — 6:30 a.m. For information, call

Linda Marinovich, 377-8380.

Tree planting — 9 a.m., child development center. For information, call George Daniel, 377-5823.

Household hazardous waste turn-in — For more information, call Paul Pearl, 377-3004.

Public awareness materials are available for the first annual Water Quality Monitoring Day, which details Keesler's storm water initiatives and opportunities for individual participation. For more information, call James Morrison, 377-5800.

Voting slogan contest

Entry deadline July 10

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Federal Voting Assistance Program officials are accepting entries until July 10 for the program's latest slogan contest.

The winning slogan is featured in the program's 2006-2007 media campaign, which focuses on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide and encouraging them to participate in the democratic process, officials said.

Slogans also are posted on the program's Web site, in the 2006-2007 Voting Assistance Guide and on motivational posters, audiovisual materials and in other publications and manuals, officials said.

Submit slogans by e-mail, fax or mail. Include full name, service (if military), mailing address, daytime tele-

phone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Send text-only e-mail entries to slogan@fvap.ncr.gov, one slogan per e-mail, with contact information on each e-mail. Enter "Voting Slogan Contest" on the subject line.

Fax slogans to 1-703-696-1352 or DSN 426-1352. The program's Web site, <http://www.fvap.gov>, has toll-free fax numbers from 51 countries. Submit separate page for each slogan with contact information on each page.

Mail entries to Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, Attn: Voting Slogan Contest, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155. Type or print legibly on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper, with one slogan per page and contact information on each page.

KEESLER NOTES

Girl Scout meeting

A new enrollment meeting for Girl Scout Troop 148 is 6 p.m. today in the annex of the former Chapel One for girls ages 5-17 and volunteers.

For more information, call 374-7426.

Party time

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club "parties galore" event is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Keesler Club.

The \$10 per person charge covers heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Reservations are required by noon Friday.

For more information, call Amy Buckles, 313-0764.

Auction

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club and the 81st Medical Center Officers Spouses Club plan a social and auction, April 29 at the Keesler Club.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., followed by the open auction at 7:30.

Deadline for pledges or auction donations is April 16. For more information, call Angie Cook, 374-7111 or e-mail bostoncooks@hotmail.com.

For information or tickets, call Rocio Nadolski, 374-1399 or e-mail KOSpousesClub@hotmail.com.

New MPF hours

New duty hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

New waste facility

A new hazardous waste accumulation facility is open in Building 4420 in the old Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office compound on Parade Lane just off Ploesti Drive.

Hazardous waste such as fluorescent lamps, batteries, mercury-containing thermostats, pesticides and aerosol cans are now turned here, rather than the base recycling center.

Except from 9-10 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each

Package deal



Airman 1st Class Kevin Johnson, a former green rope in the 335th Training Squadron, recently led a squadron drive that collected 182 pounds of toiletries, batteries, playing cards and snack items sent to deployed troops in Iraq last month. Baskets were placed in each bay of the squadron's dormitory to collect the items. The units of two deployed people benefited from the collection — Staff Sgts. Christopher Monroe, Airman Johnson's former high school ROTC instructor, and Carie Smith, twin sister of Staff Sgt. Crystal Radke, a military training leader in the 335th TRS.

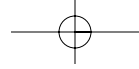
month, turn-ins must be coordinated by calling 377-5802 or 348-0321, or e-mailing thomas.minton@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call Paul Pearl, 377-3004.

Customer service closed

The customer service section of the military personnel flight is closed May 11 for Wingman Day-Safety Day.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Melvin Edwards, 377-3202.



HOUSING NOTES

Editor's note: The following information is provided for residents of base housing areas by the 81st Civil Engineer and 81st Security Forces squadrons.

Self-help store — open 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, closed Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 377-5397.

Carbon monoxide detectors — occupants are required to report to the self-help store to sign for carbon monoxide detectors for their units, unless they already have permanently-installed detectors. One is required for single-level units and two for two-story units. These are plug-in type detectors and mounting instructions are provided on request. For more information, call 377-0668.

Garbage pick-up schedule — Monday and Thursday, East and West Falcon, Thrower and Oak Park; Tuesday and Friday, Maltby Hall, Bay Ridge, Shadowlawn, Pinehaven and Harrison Court. Composting and recyclable materials are picked up the first day of the week. For more information, call 377-5822 or 2865.

Remote assignments — retention of family housing is not automatic for sponsors who receive orders to a dependent-restricted (remote) location. A written request to the housing office, with orders attached, directing dependents to remain in their quarters is required. If approved, housing must be terminated within 60 days of sponsor's return from the overseas location.

Retention — under certain conditions, sponsors are permitted to retain housing at Keesler past a permanent change of station, separation or retirement date. In most cases of separation or retirement, a hardship condition must exist. A written request is required, with justification, to housing. Dependents are not permitted to remain in housing without the sponsor after the member separates or retires. A rental fee equal to the basic allowance for housing must be paid prior to the separation or retirement date.

Grounds — inspections are year-round. Residents are responsible for maintaining their grounds out to the middle of the street, including reserved parking spaces (neighbors share taking care of open parking spaces).

Weekly yard inspections — look for various discrepancies. Mowing and edging are necessary for many yards because of the recent warm weather. Leaves must be raked and bagged. Trimming and pruning should be done. By mid-March or early April, all shrubs should be trimmed so they can be maintained during the summer months.

Carports and porches — should be neat. Although storage is limited, these areas should not be cluttered.

Yard sales — residents must use authorized signs provided by the self-help store on a first-come, first served basis. Three signs may be issued to a single household and must be signed out by the occupant or a family member with a military identification card. Signs may be kept no longer than two duty days, weekends excepted. Two magnetic arrows may be issued with each sign to direct persons to the sale. No

other text is allowed on the sign. If you want to post a sign in someone else's yard, you must get their permission. Signs are to be used only for yard, carport, garage or similar sales at Keesler. Occupants are responsible for signs and pay if signs are lost or destroyed. For more information, call 377-0666.

Pets — people who have four recorded and verified pet violations receive eviction letters. Pets are prohibited in the vicinity of ceremonies, athletic events, places of public assembly and public buildings. For more information, see the base housing brochure or call 377-9465 or 3969.

Moves — Military members or their spouses are required to provide the housing office 40 days advance notice of intent to vacate, with exception of short-notice permanent change-of-station moves. Spouse must have a signed letter authorizing them to do so. A power of attorney is acceptable for any other person to give notice. The housing office then schedules first and final inspections. For more information, call 377-0668.

Trash carts — are to be returned to their enclosures promptly after emptied by the contractor.

Flags — Stars and Stripes are provided to all residents. Flying flags is optional. Those who fly flags are expected to do so properly. Although some flags other than Stars and Stripes may also be displayed, the Confederate battle flag is not one of them. For more information or to replace torn or worn flags, call housing maintenance, 374-0003.

Recreational vehicle storage — fenced and paved area is available in Thrower Park. Apply at the outdoor recreation office at the marina or call 377-0002.

Siding hangers — use of nails in new vinyl siding is prohibited. Approved hangers are available through the self-help store.

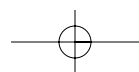
Parking — allowed in unmarked spaces on streets as long as other vehicles aren't impeded. An exception is cul-de-sacs, where on-street parking is not allowed.

Pest control — failure to make an effort to rid units of pests or seek assistance from the 81st CES may cause residents to be held liable for damages. Roach bait, mouse traps, insect spray and other pest control items are available at the self-help store. For assistance, call 377-2236.

Door keys — lost or stolen keys are replaced at residents' expense unless the circumstances were beyond their control. Those who replace keys are required to furnish a copy to the housing office and 81st CES energy management and control system desk.

Security, care — arrangements for security, care and inspection of units when residents are absent for more than seven days include written notice to the housing office and the name and phone number of the person designated to perform maintenance. For checks by security forces patrols, call 377-3040.

Sheds — no larger than 12x12 feet; metal construction, with floor and anchored; approved Air Force Form 332 on file with housing office. For more information, call 377-9465.



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Protein power

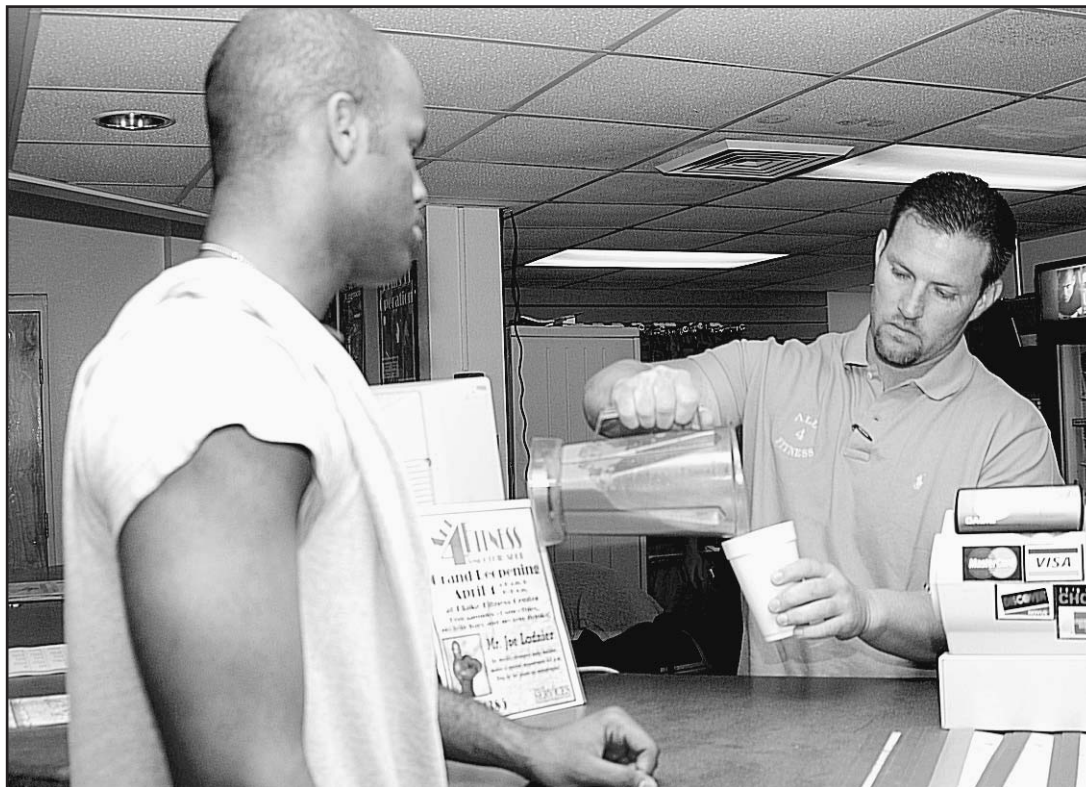


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Carlin Butler, left, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, looks on as Gary Barnett, 81st Services Division, prepares a protein shake at the Blake Fitness Center's All-4-Fitness Smoothie Shop. The shop had a grand reopening Monday.

Hoops second season tips off Monday

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The 2005 Keesler intramural regular seasons are winding down and the post season is right around the corner.

On March 31, the 81st Supply-Transportation-Contracting Squadron defeated the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 54-47, in an important National League game Thursday.

The victory propelled the 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS team to 5-7, and the loss moves the 81st SFS to 4-8.

More importantly, it breaks a tie for fifth place in the league standings with the beginning of the double-elimination tournament scheduled to begin Monday.

In previous years, the Keesler basketball league has had a double-elimination tournament format. The opening round of the tournament puts the team in first place of one league playing the sixth seed of the other, the second place team from one league playing the fifth place team from the other, and so on.

A loss sends a team to the losers' bracket, but not out of the tournament.

The teams in the losers' bracket must win

to continue to advance in the tournament.

The team that emerges from the losers' bracket then faces off against the team that emerges from the winners' bracket.

The team from the losers' bracket must defeat the team from the winners' bracket twice (usually on the tournament's final day) to emerge as the tournament champion.

The end of the American League regular season saw the 81st CES-A team finished first with a 12-2 record, which would give them a No. 1 seed.

In fact, the 81st CES-A team has the best overall record and will enter the tournament as the overall number one seed.

The National League team with the best record is the 334th and 338th Training Squadrons both at 9-2 (the 334th TRS holds the tiebreaker with a victory over the 338th TRS earlier in the season).

The intramural playoffs championship game is scheduled for April 19; the Pride League post-season, which ended its regular season's games Tuesday, is slated to begin April 20, with a champion to be crowned April 25.

Not just a 'game'

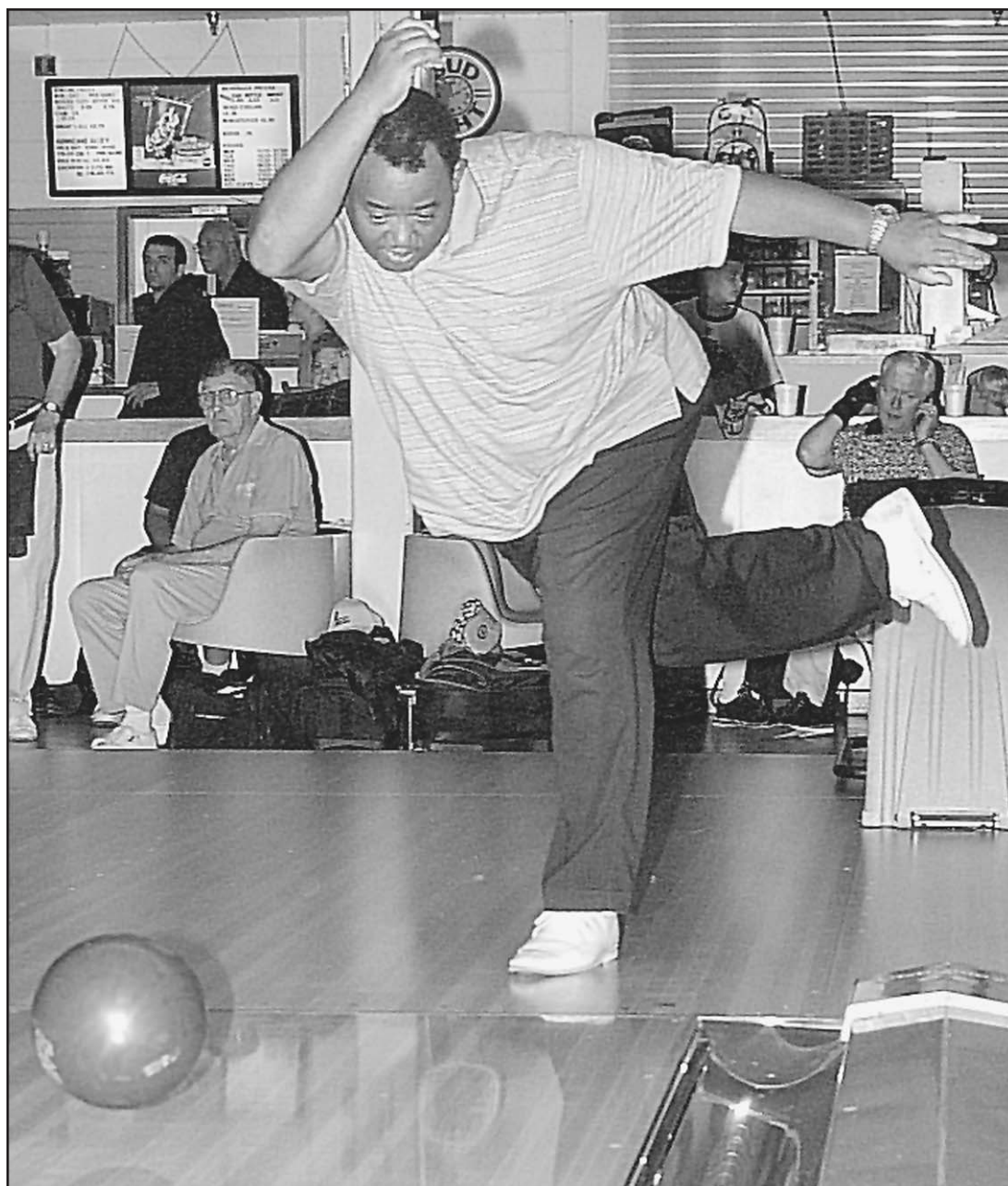


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Ernest Higgs, an instructor with the 332nd Training Squadron, bowls at the Gaude Lanes during the bowling competition of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games Friday. The senior games gives Mississippi residents age 50 and over a chance to compete against each other in a variety of athletic events including bowling, shuffleboard and horseshoes, as well as other events such as ballroom dancing. Keesler hosted bowling, volleyball and racquetball.

Honor guard tourney postponed

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A golf tournament sponsored by the honor guard has been postponed to noon May 12.

The tournament was originally scheduled for Friday, but inclement weather forced the tournament at the Bay Breeze Golf Course to May 12.

The four person team select shot tournament will have a shotgun start.

The tournament has special rules including finishing the hole with the club that was used

to tee off, players' drive and second shot must be used at least three times, and on one hole players must putt with one hand tied behind their back.

Cost is \$35 per person, including lunch, served before the tournament.

A special package of two mulligans and two throws is available for \$5.

For more information and to sign up, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081, or Reginald Cobb, 377-1986.

'Sole' searching

Proper exercise shoes are a boon to whatever type of exercise or sport you enjoy and are a healthy investment for your feet.

All types of exercise shoes, be they for running, walking, cycling or aerobics, should have at least two features in common: adequate toe room and a snug heel.

In addition to these key features, you should also be able to answer "yes" to these questions.

Running shoes

Does the heel have a stabilizer or some form of reinforcement?

Is there firm arch support?

Are the sole and heel well-cushioned?

Is the sole flexible?

Walking shoes

Is the heel well-cushioned?

Is there a firm arch support?

Is the sole flexible and/or cantilevered?

Cycling shoes

Are the uppers made of breathable material?

Are the soles made of firm, non-slip material?

Are the cleats properly placed for gripping the bike pedal?

Aerobic shoes

Does the heel have a stabilizer or some form of reinforcement?

Is the sole well-cushioned?

Is the sole flexible and/or cantilevered?

If you need ankle support, do the shoes provide it?

Other shoes

You can purchase specialty shoes for golf, bowling, tennis, skiing, football, baseball and just about any other sport.

Although the design of each shoe is intended to enhance your comfort and performance in that sport, the important factors in choosing the right pair for you are appropriateness for the sport, proper fit, adequate support and stability.

Some highly advertised "designer" shoes have such



heavily cushioned soles that your feet cannot maintain their stability, and the shoes end up overworking your foot and ankle muscles.

Or you may pay extra for self-contained "pumps" that have inflatable collars for a "customized" fit or give you an extra edge when jumping. But such features may not work at all.

Stability, support, reinforced backs and getting the right kind of shoe for the sport may not sound glamorous, but these qualities count when you're ready to "play ball."

Shoe care

When the advantages and good features of a pair of exercise shoes begin to wear down over time, it's time to start shopping again.

Even subtle degradations in the heel and sole can translate into foot and ankle problems because of the constant repetition of motion while wearing the shoes.

Although good shoes are expensive, they are about the most important pieces of sports "equipment" you can own, the foundation of correct posture and, if comfortable, a source of motivation to keep exercising.

Some people even buy two pairs of the same exercise shoes in one shopping trip.

That way they can switch pairs every day that they exercise, allowing the other pair of shoes to air out and preventing them from wearing down as quickly.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Editor's note: For questions about schedules or standings, call Jim Grubb, 377-2444 or visit <http://www.eteamz.com/keesler> affb. All games are played at Blake Fitness Center.

American League (Final standings)

Team	Won	Lost
81st CES-A	12	2
333rd TRS	11	3
81st MSS	10	4
332nd TRS	10	4
81st CS	9	5
81st MDOS-B	9	5
738th EIS	5	8
81st DS	4	10
CNATTU	3	11
338th TRS-B	2	12
332nd TRS-B	1	12

National League (As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
334th TRS	9	2
338th TRS-A	9	2
81st MDOS-A	9	2
335th TRS	6	5
81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS	4	7
81st SFS	4	7
336th TRS	0	6
81st CES-B	0	10

March 31 — 81st SUPS-TRANS-CONS 54, 81 SFS 47; 45 AS 2, 336th TRS 0

Over-30 Pride League (As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
81st MDG	11	1
81st CES	10	3
338th TRS	8	4
45th AS	5	6
333rd TRS	5	6
336th TRS	3	9
VA Medical Center	2	11

Playoffs

Post-season schedule to be determined.

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all day Sundays, bowl two hours \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center,

377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. If interested, sign up at the Blake or Triangle Fitness centers.

Sports physicals — pediatric clinic provides sports physicals for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Triangle Fitness Center

Muscle Mania — 10 a.m. April 16 at the Triangle Fitness Center. Squat, dead lift and bench press competition. Sign-up by April 7.

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category and gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Second Annual Mississippi Special Olympics Golf tournament — noon, April 21. Cost is \$35 per person. Four person select shot. For more information, call 377-1694.

Bring two, golf free program — sponsor two or more guests, receive 18 holes of free. Guest fee \$25. For more information, call 377-3832.

Free golf lessons for novice golfers — 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Sign-up in the pro shop. Maximum 15.

Free golf lessons for non prior service students — noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Sign up in the pro shop. Maximum 20.

Individual lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more

information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: For more information, call Jim Grubb, 377-3056.

Coaches meeting — 2 p.m. today, Vandenberg Community Center. Bring unit roster and signed letter of intent.

Sports advisory council meeting — 2 p.m. April 20, Vandenberg Community Center.

Deadline — April 15 is deadline for men's and women's softball sign-up. Players sign-up and tryout sheets at Blake and Triangle Fitness centers.

Volleyball

Editor's note: For more information, call Jim Grubb, 377-3056.

Coaches meeting — 2 p.m. today, Vandenberg Community Center. Coaches need to bring unit roster, and signed letter of intent.

Submissions — deadline for submitting resumes/qualifications for varsity men's and women's volleyball and softball coaching positions is today.

Deadline — April 15 for men's and women's volleyball sign-up. Players sign-up and tryout sheets at Blake and Triangle Fitness centers.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming sports programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270.

Drink lots
of water
before,
during and
after
exercise.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Antonio Aros, Jeffrey Cummings, Gregory Cunningham, Jason Ferguson, Kenneth Hicks, Steven Hutchens, Kenneth Johnson, Ryan Massey, Jason McElvy, Kevin Miller, Andrew Nichols, Phu Pham, William Purcell, Aaron Reed, Jeffery Stich and Joseph Zappulla; Airmen Jacob Larson, Timothy Stevens, Anthony Sharpe, Gregory Terrell, Brian White and Jacob Whitney; Airmen 1st Class Jesse Barna, Allan Batzel, Glenn Bishop, Jason Bloss, Jeremy Cheatam, Tracey Coon, Andrew Foust, Jeffrey Hamlin, Thomas Hoffpauir, Daniel James, Christopher Jones, Joshua Kelly, Christopher LongAlleyne, Peter Lujan, Marshall Nix, Josef Notter, Michael Petty, Peggy Price, Zachary Rains, Brentt Smith, David Sosa, Bradley Thompson, James Tilton, Cory Williams and Elizabeth Windham; Senior Airmen Robert Conly, Alexander Finn, Clyde Hunt, David Linde, John Martin, David Rivers, Russell Simmons and Timothy Solly; Staff Sgts. Derek Boddy, William Carr, Jeffrey Carrier, Robert Hathaway, Ryan Hickey, Daniel Kratzer, Daniel Newman, Joshua Taulbee and Chris Wlodarczyk.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airman Basic Tiffany Bautista, Alan Greenwald and Stuart King; Senior Airman Jennifernichole Sonson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Armstrong, Ashley Clark, Paul Dickey, Chris Knight, Lyle Schneider, Joshua Shorter-Ivey and Benjamin Sullins; Airmen Daniel Gnojek and Christopher Porto; Airmen 1st Class Noah Dunlap, Daniel Ferris, James Marzullo, Jaime Moran, Joshua Stark and Jason Stegmann; Senior Airman Dwight Aiken; Staff Sgts. Dustin Daigle, Marell Ducksworth, David Iglesias, Darrel Johnson and Rodney Martin.

335th TRS

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Quiana Carter and Charmaine Pozo; Airmen 1st Class Kate Boynton, Melissa Cruz and Nalani Epstein; Senior Airman Mona Wooster; Staff Sgts. Christopher Dowlearn, Bryan Fernandez, Adam Hatter and Iyendo Manchester; Tech. Sgt. Christy Kelly.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Bieber, Deborah Johnson, Jesse Sewelson and Alan Stringer; Navy Airman Apprentice Kevin Jepsen; Airman 1st Class Laura Oswalt; Navy Airmen Jimmy Frattle, Gregory Kossuth, Michael Mancinik, Christopher Nunez, Mark Swift, Kristi Turner and Dempsey Vick; Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson; Staff Sgt. William Acevedo; Tech. Sgts. Joseph Dailey and James Everhart; Hungarian Air Force Master Sgt Laszlo Balazs; Master Sgt. David White.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems training flight — Airmen Basic Robert Feaster and James Medina; Airman Matthew Ridgeway.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Krystina Benscoter, Benjamin Clay, Glen Hesson and Zachary Young; Airmen Noel BaezAgosto, James Jones, Benjamin Myers and Robert Spain; Airmen First Class Carvel Bettencourt, Jennifer Fitzsimmons, Jonathan Holcomb, Robert Hopkins, Nino Ilinan, Nathaniel Kennedy, Franklin Moyer, Justin Roden, Jeremy Slabaugh, Brent Stevens, Michael Sturgell, Zachary Welden and Robert West; Senior Airmen Joshua Gardner, Shay Glasgow, Jeffrey Kilby, Nathan Reedy, Thomas Scibelli and Jesse Wilson; Staff Sgts. Garry DelosReyes and Christy McGuffee; Tech. Sgt. Nance Pitts.

Ground radio flight — Airmen Basic Daniel Camarena, Tyler Ellsworth, Kenneth Gese, Dustin Heideman, Gary Kilmer, Joshua Leguillon, Kevin Rugar and Brent Showalter; Airmen Bryan Adams, Christopher Cook and Pedro Rivera; Airmen 1st Class Isaiah Armstrong, Akiro Davis, Seth Hogan, Thomas Kneller, Michael Labelle, Daniel Morgan, Levi Olson, Daniel

CHAPEL SERVICES

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Perkins, Frank Perry, Joshua Ritchie, Paul Shpakov, Daniel Spence, Leith Thompson-Moore, Sandon Viers, Buck Wagoner, Richard Winters and Christopher Wolff; Senior Airmen Michael Boccaccio and Robert Santiago; Staff Sgts. Brian Leonard and Todd Overstreet; Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Oberg.

Radar systems flight — Airmen Dustin Mahi and Jonathan White; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Beurer III, Theodore Donald, Roger Girtman II, Raymond Heil and Andrew Merwin; Senior Airman Joseph Gagnon; Staff Sgts. Brian Fitzgerald, Brian Hal-loran, Dwayne Patterson and Shawn Roberts; 2nd Lts. Andrej Gerjevic and Jose Tercero.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

May 16-27 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRI-CARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-C — graduation Monday.

Class 05-D — April 25-May 31.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-3 — graduation today.

Class 05-4 — Tuesday through May 26.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-7 — graduation today.

Class 05-8 — Monday through April 21.

Chapel

Book of Acts adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call David Moore, 594-0072.

Women's Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Topic is Beth Moore's "Breaking Free." Child care available. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818-9412.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

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International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

- Orientations** — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and April 20 and 27.
- Poetry readings for young people** — 2-4 p.m. April 17 for ages 2-6.
- Story time for infants** — 10 a.m. April 27.
- National garden month** — book display throughout the month.
- Exchange books** — change one for one.
- Orientations/volunteer work** — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

- Ceramic painting** — stepping stone Friday, free brush-strokes class April 19 and Mother’s Day plate April 23. For more information, call 377-2821.
- Beading**-intermediate, Saturday, \$25 per person. Advanced, April 16 or 23, \$30 plus a \$15-20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.
- Ceramic pouring** — 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including supplies.
- Free scrapbook club** — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Learn to use eyelets.
- One-stroke beginner painting** — 1-3 p.m. April 16. \$40 including most supplies.
- One-stroke project class** — 1-3 p.m. April 16. \$25 including most supplies; beginner class is prerequisite.
- Advanced matting** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 22. \$20 including supplies; beginning class is prerequisite.
- Beginner cake decorating** — 1 p.m. April 23. \$10.
- Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. April 15. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.
- Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 16. \$20 including supplies and tool use. Maximum three students.
- Parent and me ceramics** — 10 a.m. April 16, ages 4 -7. \$10 including supplies.
- Nonprior service student special** — 1 p.m. April 22, Fish-bowl. Make Mother’s Day card for \$1 with UBU card.
- Family fun night** — 6 p.m. April 26. Make a soap/bath salt gift. \$10 per child with adult, including supplies.
- Wood shop special** — come in and make something for Mother’s Day and receive two hours of free shop use.
- Giveaways** — each time you use the multi-craft shop in April, you earn an entry for a ceramic birdhouse to be given away April 30.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

- Transition assistance three-day workshop** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9-11, June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.
- Retirement and veterans briefing** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.
- PALACE Chase information briefings** — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.
- Health care professionals** — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.
- Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass.** — Airmen who’ve completed their enlistment and don’t have a military service obligation may qualify for \$15,000 enlistment bonus in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151, DSN 698-1567 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

Employment assistance

- 12th annual spring Southern Regional Military and Civilian Job Fair** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi. For more information, call 377-8592.
- Employment Network Center** — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.
- Web sites**
 - Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.
 - Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.
 - America’s Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.
 - Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.
 - Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.
 - Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.
 - Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

- Computer use**
 - Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an “as available” basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn’t adversely affect the mission.
 - Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail “public folders” and click on “transition employment opportunities” for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

- Texas Hold’em (all ranks)** — 7 p.m. April 15, 29 and May 13; grand finale May 19. \$4 Keesler Club members; \$7 for all others. For more information, call 377-8313.
- Youth and adult guitar lessons** — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For an appointment, call 377-3308.
- Piano lessons** — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult. For fee information, call 377-3308.
- Weight Watchers** — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.
- Coloring contest** — pick up coloring/activity sheet; submit entry no later than 4 p.m. April 20.

Vandenberg Community Center

- Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.
- Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before non working Fridays.
- Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with April birthdays show their ID card and get in free the third Friday of the month.
- CyberSports Internet game center** — now open. For more information, call 377-4519.

Youth activities center

- Friday teen night** — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.
- Preteen night** — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.
- Free home alone course** — 6-7 p.m. April 14, ages 10 and older; register by Wednesday.
- Youth of the year celebration** — 6 p.m. April 11, Keesler Community Center.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

- Lunch** — orange spiced chops, braised liver with onions, tempura fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.
- Dinner** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

- Lunch** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.
- Dinner** — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Saturday

- Lunch** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.
- Dinner** — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

- Lunch** — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.
- Dinner** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

- Lunch** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.
- Dinner** — chili macaroni, beef cannelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

- Lunch** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.
- Dinner** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

- Lunch** — lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken cacciatore, noodles, baked potatoes, baked beans, green beans, simmered squash, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.
- Dinner** — lemon-herb chicken, barbecue spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, jalapeno cornbread, cauliflower combo, corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

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Free pitch, hit and run contest — 10 a.m. April 16, youth activities center ball fields. For more information, call 377-4116.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing grades K-6; counselor-in-training program, summer youth volunteers and youth employment skills program. For more information, call 377-4116.

F-4 Fit For Fun Force — promotes fitness for ages 9-18; four team levels. For more information, visit <http://www.f4-kids.com>.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Dance — Tuesdays or Thursdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays, ages 13-18.

Keesler Club

- Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.**
- Family night** — 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 15. Buffet, games, music, show, prizes.
- Mongolian barbecue** — 5:30-8 p.m. April 28.
- Lunch buffet** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of each week.
- Wednesday night special** — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

- NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks)** — April 10, 17 and 23; call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways. Club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.
- Hot dogs** — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.
- Pinochle (all ranks)** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Karaoke night** — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.
- Latino night** — April 22. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ. Drink specials
- Club level 1** — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.
- Urban nights** — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.
- Snack and drink specials** — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

- Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama** — April 23. \$40 per person; register and prepay no later than April 20. Depart Keesler at 9 a.m., return at 5 p.m.
- Arena football in New Orleans** — April 16. The VooDoo vs. the Columbus Destroyers \$25 including ticket and transportation; register and prepay by April 12. Depart Keesler 4 p.m., return at midnight.

VOLUNTEERS

- Editor's note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.**
- Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.
- American Red Cross-Keesler Chapter** — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.
- Chapel** — for more information, call 377-2520.
- Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

- Cub Scout Pack 214** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.
- Family support center** — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.
- Fisher House** — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.
- Girl Scouts** — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.
- High school students** — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.
- Honor guard** — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.
- International military student office** — for more information, call 377-4228.
- McBride Library** — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.
- Medical center** — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.
- Retirees activities office** — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Upcoming

Girl Scouts — 6 p.m. today, former Chapel 1 annex next to Sablich Center. New enrollment session, ages 5-17. Adult volunteers also needed. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

Recurring

- African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Master Sgt. Natalie Scott, 377-9530.
- Air Force Association, Chapter 332** — 11:30 a.m. second Monday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Capt. Ted Cassin, 377-3727, or edward.cassin@keesler.af.mil or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.
- Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652** — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444 .
- Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.
- Amateur radio club** — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

- American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670** — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.
- Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee** — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.
- AWANA** — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.
- Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.
- Boy Scout Troop 253** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.
- Breast cancer support group** — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.
- Breastfeeding support group** — for more information, call Rebecca Wilson, 832-0413.
- Cancer support group** — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

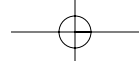
Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClelland Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

- Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.**
- To Keesler via Highway 90:** 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.
- To Keesler from north of base:** 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.
- Back to off-base lodging:** 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.
- Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.**



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Chapel ropes — 8 a.m. Sundays, Fishbowl Student Center.
Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Christian singles — various hours and activities at The Haven. For more information, call Willie Page, 392-1399.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns 7-0663, or visit. <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-579; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Marty Cummings, 388-4595.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Parenting classes — 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 and 27, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Marriage enrichment classes — 3-5 p.m. Tuesday and April 19 and 26, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 3 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Lori Pullen, 377-9759; Master Sgt. Randy Schneider, 377-0066; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-8431; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sandoval, 377-6969, and Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Kristi Hamrick, 872-9059, or e-mail khamrick@yahoo.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies at Welch Auditorium

Editor's note: Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Today — 7 p.m., Hitch (PG-13, 115 minutes).

Friday — 7 p.m., Man of the House (PG-13, 97 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Because of Winn-Dixie (PG, 106 minutes); 7 p.m.; 9:30 p.m., Hitch (PG-13, 115 minutes).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Pacifier (PG, 91 minutes).

Air Force Assistance Fund

Project officer — Maj. Ramil Ascano, 377-0800.

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81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Shannon Bryington, 377-4510.

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81st Medical Operations Squadron — Master Sgt. Patty Jones, 377-8174.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Maj. Timothy Flach, 377-8844.

81st Mission Support Group — 2nd Lt. Michael Chavarria, 377-2428; Staff Sgt. Desmond Johnson, 377-5886.

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81st Mission Support Squadron — 2nd Lt. Michael Chandler, 377-7018.

81st Security Forces Squadron — 2nd Lt. Eric Deturk, 377-3557.

81st Services Division — 1st Lt. Craig Wolfe, 377-2765.

81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-5728.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Capt. David Eisenach, 377-9749; Tech. Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6264.

81st Training Group — Capt. Scott Lamont, 377-2038.

81st Training Support Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Richard Hetfield, 377-9038.

81st Training Wing — 2nd Lt. Debbie Swetland, 377-3938.

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332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Terrell Raymond, 377-9481.

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335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Kirk Jackson, 377-7331.

336th TRS — Staff Sgt. Thomas Exline, 377-4495.

338th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Richard Hetfield, 377-9038.

738th Engineering Installation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jessica Cobb, 377-1026.

Keesler NCO Academy — Tech. Sgt. Joyce Foster, 377-3592.



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